

Message

From: Castellana, Ben [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=A5E5385776764CC4B9E1A718B4090A30-CASTELLANA,]
Sent: 10/8/2019 3:10:35 PM
To: Frank Lara [frank.lara@lacity.org]
CC: Gonzalo Barriga [gonzalo.barriga@lacity.org]; Howard Wong [howard.wong@lacity.org]; Steven Pedersen [steven.pedersen@lacity.org]; Adam Smith [adam.j.smith@lacity.org]; Eric Lee [eric.y.lee@lacity.org]
Subject: Re: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire

Why don't we shoot for 10:30? I'm in the field and do not have access to a conference line; can someone accommodate?

Thank you again!

Ben Castellana Ph.D.
On-Scene Coordinator
US EPA Region 9
Superfund Emergency Response
(562) 305-0694

On Oct 8, 2019, at 7:28 AM, Frank Lara <frank.lara@lacity.org> wrote:

I am available today at 8:30 am or 10:30 am.

On Mon, Oct 7, 2019 at 7:46 PM Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes; I'm available all day.

Cheers,

Ben Castellana Ph.D.
On-Scene Coordinator
US EPA Region 9
Superfund Emergency Response
(562) 305-0694

On Oct 7, 2019, at 4:08 PM, Gonzalo Barriga <gonzalo.barriga@lacity.org> wrote:

Hi Ben,
I have LADBS copied on this email. Can we set up a conference call tomorrow to discuss the issues? Thx

Gonzalo Barriga M.S.
Assistant Chief Environmental Compliance Officer

LA Sanitation & Environment, Watershed Protection Division
Environmental Enforcement & Emergency Response Unit

Phone: 323-342-1544
Fax: 323-342-1511

Mail Stop: 756
Gonzalo.Barriga@lacity.org

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This e-mail and any files transmitted from the City of Los Angeles Watershed Protection Division with it are intended solely for the use of the individual or entity to whom they are addressed and may contain confidential and privileged information protected by law. If you received this e-mail in error, any review, use, dissemination, distribution, or copying of the e-mail is strictly prohibited. Please notify the sender immediately by return e-mail and delete all copies from your system.

On Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 8:14 AM Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Gonzalo!

The PRP's contractor has applied for a Grading Permit for 210 W. Slauson, but is unable to apply for the Grading Permit for 216 Slauson until the structure on the site is demolished and inspected (see Bret Bowyer's email text below). The house demo permit process is already delaying things by about a month, and another six weeks puts us into December, and well into the rainy season. Any thoughts?

Cheers,

Ben Castellana, Ph.D.

On-Scene Coordinator

US EPA Region 9

Superfund Emergency Response

(562) 305-0694 cell

From: Gonzalo Barriga <gonzalo.barriga@lacity.org>
Sent: Monday, September 30, 2019 9:47 PM
To: Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov>

Cc: Howard Wong <howard.wong@lacity.org>; Steven Pedersen <steven.pedersen@lacity.org>; Adam Smith <adam.j.smith@lacity.org>; Eric Lee <eric.y.lee@lacity.org>
Subject: Re: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire

Hi Ben,

Sorry about not making to the conference last week. We will review the 2 requests and get back to you.

Regards,

Gonzalo

On Mon, Sep 30, 2019, 13:18 Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Gonzalo and Howard,

The conference call last week covered some technical issues about the PRP's removal of gasoline-contaminated soils from 210 and 216 W. Slauson. The principle hurdles the removal faces are:

1. The removal of the red-tagged structure at 216 W. Slauson – the structure belongs to, and will be demolished by, a third party who owns this property. The demolition pre-inspection number is 19019-30000-04503. The soil removal cannot take place without this structure's removal. I am unclear about how long the permit process takes. **I am requesting any help from your agency that you can provide to expedite the permit process for the demolition of the house at 216 W. Slauson.**
2. The soil excavation requires a grading permit, which I have asked the PRP to file so I can make inquiries about the progress. **Again, any help I can get raising the priority for the grading permit at 210 and 216 W. Slauson will mitigate the potential for further migration of the contamination into the storm drain.**

The PRP's contractor has re-established stormwater controls at the site. They did this last Wednesday, and I stopped by the site on Thursday to inspect. The

measures seemed adequate; however, a squatter had already cut the chain to the property fence and was sitting on the porch. I filed a report with LAPD later in the day.

Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns about this request.

Sincerely,

Ben Castellana, Ph.D.

On-Scene Coordinator

US EPA Region 9

Superfund Emergency Response

(562) 305-0694 cell

--

Frank Lara
Assistant Bureau Chief
Los Angeles Dept. of Building & Safety
Code Enforcement Bureau
221 N. Figueroa St., 11th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Voice: (213) 252-3310
Fax: (213) 252-3911
E-mail: frank.lara@lacity.org